

FISCAL NOTE

HB 899 - SB 1202

April 3, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires Department of Agriculture to develop and implement an animal identification program that is consistent with the USDA National Animal Identification System.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumptions:

- Under current statute the Department of Agriculture is authorized to take action to prevent animal disease and protect Tennessee livestock.
- The Department of Agriculture currently has an 80/20 match cooperative agreement with the USDA in which the State provides \$334,700 for the implementation of the voluntary program that encourages livestock and poultry owners to register with the National Animal Identification System (NAIS).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director